SAINT CATHERINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA DE SANTA CATALINA

We, at St. Catherine Parish, are a growing, diverse, and welcoming Catholic Community, called to live and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through Worship, Discipleship and Service.

La Parroquia de Santa Catalina de Alejandría, es una comunidad en crecimiento, acogedora y diversa, llamada a vivir y proclamar la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo por medio de la Oración, el Discipulado y el Servicio.

MASSES / MISAS
Monday-Saturday: 8:15am  
Saturday: 5:30pm  
Sábado: 7:00pm  
Sunday: 7:15, 8:45, 10:30am  
5:30pm  
Domingo: 12:15pm

CONFESION / CONFESIÓN
Saturday / Sábado: 4:00 - 5:00pm (Or by appointment / O hacer una cita.)

ADORACIÓN /ADORATION
Wednesday / Miércoles 6:30pm

From the Desk of Deacon Phil Flowers.....

Sarah and I were sorry not to spend Easter here with our St. Catherine community, but we missed it for a very good reason: we were in Rome, where our youngest son Thomas was ordained a transitional deacon on the Tuesday after Easter along with fifteen of his Jesuit classmates. The ordination was held in the beautiful Baroque church, il Gesù. Cardinal Walter Kasper was the ordaining bishop, and I had the great privilege of vesting Thomas in his deacon vestments.

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Desde el escritoio de Diacono Phil Flowers...

Sarah y yo lamentamos no haber podido pasar la Pascua aquí con nuestra comunidad de Santa Catalina, pero nos la perdimos por una muy buena razón: estábamos en Roma, donde nuestro hijo menor, Thomas, fue ordenado diácono de transición, el martes después de Pascua, junto con quince de sus compañeros de clase Jesuitas. La ordenación se llevó a cabo en la hermosa iglesia barroca, il Gesú. El cardenal Walter Kasper era el obispo ordenante, y tuve el gran privilegio de otorgarle a Thomas sus vestimentas diaconas.

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Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría
Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes) 8:00am - 6:00pm
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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).
Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).
Second Reading — Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).
Gospel — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial) Gn1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15,17,23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, April 29
8:00-11:00am NUR Bright Beginnings Nursery
8:00-12:00pm DC CLOW
9:00-10:15am MC,Rm.8,10,11 Faith Formation Classes
11:30-4:30pm MC LofC - Installation & Recommitment
1:30-3:30pm CR1,4, Kit hospitalidad
2:00-5:00pm CR1,4, Kit FHC - Retreat
4:30-7:30pm CR1-2 JPC - Retiro Prep-Meeting
4:30-7:30pm Rm.8 Clase de Biblia
7:00-9:00pm MC Life Teen Youth Group

Monday/Lunes, April 30
6:00-7:00pm CR3,4, Kit Community Supper
7:00-8:30pm CH Angelica Choir
6:30-8:30pm NUR Handmaids Stitching Group
7:00-8:30pm Rm.8,10 JPC - Junta de Equipo

Tuesday/Martes, May 1
5:00-9:30pm CH Liturgy Training/ Enviroment
7:00-8:30pm LR Com. Rs. - N.M.E.S.C. Training
6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 JPC - Coro
7:00-8:45pm CR3-4 KoC - Board Meeting
7:00-9:00pm MC Spanish RCIC
7:00-9:45pm Rm.8 Stephen Ministry

Wednesday/Miercoles, May 2
8:45-11:00am CR1-2 Women’s Group
3:30-4:30pm MC,Rm.8,10,11 Faith Formation Classes
3:30-4:30pm CH Faith Formation Community Time
4:00-8:00pm NUR Choir Practice
5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s Choir
5:30-6:30pm MC Middle School Ministry Session
5:30-6:30pm Rm.11 Una Puerta de Esperanza
5:30-9:00pm Rm.10 Una Puerta de Esperanza
6:30-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
6:30-7:45pm Rm.8 Jesus to Mankind Prayer Group
6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 JPC - Coro Retiros
7:00-8:30pm LR RICA
7:30-9:30pm MC RCIA Session
7:30-9:30pm CH Alfa-Omega Grupo de Oracion

Thursday/Jueves, May 3
6:00-9:00pm CR1-2 Confirmation Parent/Sponsor
6:00-7:30pm Rm.10 Una Puerta de Esperanza - Voluntarios
6:30-9:15pm Rm.8 Stephen Ministry - Training
7:00-8:30pm CR1-4 Confirmation Parent/Sponsor
7:00-8:30pm Rm.11 Grupo Amigos - Teen Leader Meeting

Friday/Viernes, May 4
9:00-12:00pm CH Adoration
9:30-11:00am CR1-2 Bible Study
7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Amigos
7:00-9:00pm Rm.8,10,11 JPC Reunion Semanal

Saturday/Sabado, May 5
9:00-1:00pm Fld Cub Scouts Pack 166 – Rocket Day
12:00-3:00pm PA Danza Liturgica

8:15am Mass Intentions

Monday, April 30
† Sara Lua
† Lucrecia Madrigal
† Emma Covelli
† John Janini

Tuesday, May 1
† Jose Luis Garcia
† Beth Freeman

Wednesday, May 2
† Angel Rivera
† Dorothy Ortiz

Thursday, May 3
† Angelina Dumol
† Cynthia Duffy
† Pauline Rivera Rodriguez
† Victor Ardizzone

Saturday, May 5
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

by Deacon Rick Haeckel

As we travel in the light of the Resurrected Jesus during this Easter season we are in a time well suited to reflection. The readings are filled with rich images which remind us that metaphors like Jesus being the vine, the Father the vine grower and we as the branches. It isn’t all sweetness and light (the metaphor that is). The pruning of non productive branches is an image with which we can identify, living in a productive wine growing region. Jesus is not scolding in saying this, he reminds his listeners that we have already been pruned by his words to us. Then follows this consoling and powerful admonition, “Remain in me, as I remain in you.” We are not cast out on our own to become fruitful branches. Jesus is with us, do we remember this in good times and in bad? Probably not often enough. We need the water of God’s word and the light of God’s sun to be able to sustain growth. Without them we begin to wither but unlike the plant which cannot move itself to find sustenance, we have the gift of being fed by simply asking, by movement in prayer, by Eucharistic food … by recalling that Jesus “remains in us.” Granted, simply knowing isn’t enough, that knowledge needs to lead us beyond the limitations we place on ourselves. We must consciously strive to use the presence of the risen Christ as stimulus to live as he did. The second reading gives us a consoling message, “Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth.” Words enable us to communicate but deeds display the truth of our beliefs. Whenever we find ourselves “running on” about something important, we need to call to mind the admonition about the sheer multiplication of words. We are deep into the Easter season, it’s a good time to internalize the truth that Jesus is not far away; he is so close that he is actually within us. We can draw on the source of love itself. The image of Christ as the light of the world invites our participation in sharing that light, to change us and the world.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Seeing Jesus as the light come into the world allows us to view our lives and the way we honor our earth. Re-use rather than making refuse allows even pruned branches to be useful.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Have you moved recently and need to update your mailing information with the parish? Email us at office@stca.org, drop us a note in the Sunday collection or call us at (408) 779-3959. We need your complete name, old & new address and your new telephone number if that has changed. Don’t miss out on all the great news we mail/email to our parishioners!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON PHIL…….

Thomas was two years old when we moved to Morgan Hill, and he grew up in this parish. He attended Jackson Elementary School and Britton Middle School before going to Bellarmine College Prep in San Jose. At St. Catherine’s, he was an altar server and a member of the high school Confirmation team.

He received a BA in History from UC Santa Barbara in 2006 and entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 2007 after a year of teaching at Archbishop Riordan High School in San Francisco. As a Jesuit novice he worked in hospital and nursing home ministries, detention ministry, and campus ministry.

After taking vows in 2009 he studied philosophy for three years at St. Louis University where he also earned a Master’s degree in history and worked in campus ministry. He then returned to San Jose and taught history and religion at Bellarmine for two years before serving for a year at the U.S.-Mexico border with the Kino Border Initiative, a bi-national humanitarian aid organization co-founded by the Jesuits. In 2015 he was missioned to Rome to study theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University where he is now completing a degree in Sacred Theology.

Thomas will be ordained a priest on June 9th in San Diego. He will work at Most Holy Trinity, the Jesuit parish in San Jose, this summer. Then he is going to the University of York in England for a doctorate in history. Thomas would like to thank the parish of St. Catherine for love, support, and prayers over the years. To express his gratitude he will celebrate Mass at St. Catherine’s at 10:30 in English and 12:15 in Spanish on Sunday, June 17, 2018.

Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name: ______________________________________
Address: ______________________________________
City: __________________ Zip: __________________
Phone: ______________ Email: __________________

Would you like to receive envelopes?  Yes / No
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGY

Liturgy isn’t the work of just a few people. Everyone who celebrates the liturgy has a role to play. And the work we do together can change the world. We hope you find some help here to do your part of our work together.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

**Sacristans** - urgent need for 5:30 Sunday Mass. You need to be an extraordinary minister of holy communion to be a Sacristan. Please contact Karen Barone directly to schedule a training at Kbarone@wildblue.net.

**Environment Coordinator** for the Church and Parish Center for the Advent, Christmas Season, Lent, Triduum and Easter Season. This responsibility can be divided by season. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees at dinderhees@dsj.org. Check the website for general details.

**Saints Chapel** - clean chapel area and put out new candles. Looking for help throughout the day and evening. Small candles need to be changed every four hours. Contact: Ralph Ortega at ralphndebbie@icloud.com

FLOWERS IN THE SAINTS CHAPEL

A volunteer coordinator and a group of volunteers are needed to straighten the flowers in the Saints Chapel that are left as gifts. Please contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees.

CLEAN UP OF CABINETS AND DRAWERS IN THE SACRISTY AND FLOWER ROOM

If you have anything in the sacristy or the flower room and would like them to remain, please label them, leave contact information with the item(s) and contact Diana-Lynn Inderhees, Liturgy Coordinator at dinderhees@dsj.org. Any items not labeled on April 30th will be removed and donated to Goodwill.

**Easter Season**
April 1st to May 19th
Liturgical Color: White
Cycle: B

Mother’s Day
Ascension
May 13, 2018

**Pentecost**
May 20th
Liturgical Color: Red

**Ordinary Time**
May 21st to December 1st
Liturgical Color: Green

12th ANNUAL REVS vs SEMS BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

Come cheer on your favorite priests and seminarians in the 12th Annual Revs vs Sems Basketball Challenge!

When: Saturday, May 12, 7pm
Where: Archbsp Mitty high school, San Jose
Ticket prices: $10 general and $5 student
Proceeds benefit seminarian summer formation. Details and tickets available at www.dsj.org/basketball.
Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — Bernabé explica a los discípulos en Jerusalén la conversión de Pablo (Hechos 9:26-31).

Salmo — El Señor es mi alabanza en la gran asamblea (Salmo 22 [21]).

Segunda lectura — Dios nos ordena que creamos en el nombre de Jesucristo y que nos amemos como el nos ama (1 Juan 3:18-24).

Evangelio — Los que viven en Jesús y Jesús vive en ellos producen mucho fruto (Juan 15:1-8).

Desde el Escritorio

Thomas tenía dos años cuando nos mudamos a Morgan Hill, y creció en esta parroquia. Asistió a Jackson Elementary School y Britton Middle School, antes de ir a Bellarmine College Prep en San José. En Santa Catalina, fue monaguillo y miembro del equipo de Confirmación de la secundaria.

Recibió un BA en Historia de la universidad de UC Santa Barbara en el 2006 y entró en la Compañía de Jesús (Jesuitas) en 2007, después de un año de enseñanza en la Arzobispa Riordan High School en San Francisco. Como novicio jesuita, trabajó en ministerios de hospitales y asilos, ministerio de detención y ministerio universitario.

Después de tomar los votos en 2009, estudió filosofía durante tres años en la Universidad de St. Louis, donde también obtuvo una maestría en historia y trabajó en el ministerio universitario. Luego regresó a San José y enseñó historia y religión en Bellarmine durante dos años, antes de servir durante un año en la frontera de México con la Iniciativa Fronteriza de Kino, una organización binacional de ayuda humanitaria cofundada por los jesuitas. En 2015, fue enviado a Roma para estudiar teología en la Pontificia Universidad Gregoriana, donde ahora está completando una licenciatura en Teología Sagrada.

Thomas será ordenado sacerdote el 9 de junio en San Diego. Trabajará en Most Holy Trinity, la parroquia jesuita de San José, este verano. Luego irá a la Universidad de York en Inglaterra para obtener un doctorado en historia.

A Thomas le gustaría agradecer a la parroquia de Santa Catalina por el amor, apoyo y oraciones a lo largo de los años. Para expresar su gratitud, celebrará la misa en Santa Catalina a las 10:30am en inglés y a las 12:15pm en español el domingo 17 de junio de 2018.

Pregunta de la Semana

Adulto: "¿Cuándo has sido podado "por tus experiencias de una manera que permite una mayor abundancia?"

Niño: "¿Cuándo te has sentido más fuerte o mejor porque hiciste algo difícil para ayudar a otra persona?"
¡Dios es Grande Todo el Tiempo, Todo el Tiempo Dios es Grande!

OPORTUNIDAD DE EMPLEO PARA LA IGLESIA DE SANTA MARÍA

La Parroquia de Santa María en Gilroy está buscando un(a) Director(a) de Educación Religiosa a tiempo completo para los que hablen español. Las personas interesadas pueden contactar al Padre Robert al 408-847-5151 o a rbrocato@dsj.org.

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Quinto Domingo de Pascua
Lunes: San Pío V
Martes: San José Obrero
Miércoles: San Atanasio
Jueves: San Felipe y Santiago; Día Nacional de Oración
Viernes: Primer viernes
Sábado: Primer sábado; Cinco de Mayo

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En el año 1674 una argentina, Doña Ana Matto de Siqueyras se llevó a su casa una imagen de la Virgen María para hacerle una capillita en sus terrenos a un lado del río Luján. La imagen era de reputación milagrosa y Doña Ana deseaba tenerla cerca de su hogar. Al día siguiente la imagen se había regresado a un eremitorio donde la cuidaba un esclavo africano llamado Manuel. Esto le pasó un par de veces hasta que se le ocurrió a Doña Ana llevarse en peregrinación a ambos María y Manuel. Desde entonces en una capilla abierta al público María se quedó sin ningún problema.

Como muchos ricos, Doña Ana quería echarse a Dios en el bolsillo llevándose con sí misma la imagen de María. Pero nuestra Señora de Luján tenía otro plan. Ella deseaba estar con el esclavo Manuel y con el pueblo. Desde entonces en una capilla abierta al público María se quedó sin ningún problema.

FACEBOOK

Únase con nosotros y manténgase al corriente de lo que pasa en nuestra parroquia. Visite nuestra página en https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Catherine-of-Alexandria-Church/29304741747856

SAN VINCENTE DE PAUL DE SANTA CATALINA

La Tiendita Comunitaria de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul — ¡Ya esta abierta por más días!
• Martes(10AM - 12PM)
• Jueves(10AM - 12PM)
• Cada primer Sábado del mes(10AM -12PM)

NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA

¿Le gustaría recibir notificaciones de emergencia del departamento de policía de la ciudad de Morgan Hill? Inscribase para que las reciba en www.alertssc.com.

--- Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gló, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.
¿Ha sentido el llamado a servir como un Ministro Extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión?

Durante los momentos de mas agonía, Jesús nuestro Señor pidió a sus discípulos que oraran una hora con Él en el huerto de Getsemaní. Todos los miércoles a las 6:30pm tenemos la oportunidad de orar una hora con el Señor en frente de Santísimo Sacramento. No pierda la oportunidad de pasar una hora con el Señor.

RETIRO “EL JOVEN SIN CRISTO”
1, 2 Y 3 DE JUNIO

Jóvenes de 14 a 18 años que tienen la inquietud de encontrarse con Jesús, jóvenes que están en un estado de búsqueda, jóvenes que quieren hacer más amigos. Jóvenes que quieren aprender más de su fe...
Este retiro es para ustedes.
Para más información, comunicarse con:
Agustín Jiménez (408)318-2876
María Quintana (408)710-6287
Sarahí Solis (408)722-4129
También puede llamar a la rectoría: (408)779-3959

¡Tarde te amé, hermosura tan antigua y tan nueva, tarde te amé! y tú estabas dentro de mí y yo afuera, y así por fuera te buscaba; y, deformé como era, me lanzaba sobre estas cosas que tú creaste.

Tú estabas conmigo, mas yo no estaba contigo. Reteníanme lejos de ti aquellas cosas que, si no estuviesen en ti, no existirían.

Me llamaste y clamaste, y quebraste mi sordera; brillante y resplandeciente, y curaste mi ceguera; exhalaste tu perfume, y lo aspiré, y ahora te anhelo; gusté de ti, y ahora siento hambre y sed de ti; me tocaste, y deseo con ansia la paz que procede de ti.

San Agustín (Confesiones)

Cantemos al
Amor de los amores,
cantemos al Señor.
¡Dios está aquí!
Venid, adoradores; adoremos a Cristo Redentor.

¡Gloria a Cristo Jesús!
Cielos y tierra, bendicid al Señor.
¡Honor y gloria a ti;
Rey de la gloria;
amor por siempre a ti;
Dios del amor!
Spiritual Bouquet Mother’s Day Card

The best Mother’s Day gift: 
A spiritual bouquet

Mother’s Day Spiritual Bouquet envelopes are available on the tables inside the Church. They are a wonderful way to remember mothers everywhere – living or deceased. It is a great opportunity to have them remembered during Mass on Mother’s Day.

Please put the completed return envelope in the offertory basket TODAY or bring it to the Parish office before the Mother’s Day mass Sunday, May 13th.

You may pick up a spiritual bouquet Mother’s Day card, available at the parish rectory to send to your mother. There is no better gift that can be given than the gift of prayers. Your donation is greatly appreciated. Please contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org for more information.

The Handmades of St. Catherine invite you to prayerfully consider participating in the 2nd Annual Collection for the Diocesan Layette Program.

With the summer months upon us, and donations running low we collect layette items in May and deliver donations to the center. Any handmade baby blankets, quilts, bibs, booties etc are gladly accepted along with items purchased from the list below. All items will be collected the weekends of May 5/6 and May 19/20 and donated to the Diocesan Layette Program.

List of Needs
- Undershirts
- Long/Short sleeve sleeping gowns
- Play and sleep coveralls
- Onesies
- Receiving Blankets
- Play outfits
- Crib Blankets/Quilts
- Blanket sleepers
- Sweater Sets
- Booties
- Socks
- Baby Wipes
- Disposable Diapers, up to 18lbs

All items should be new and clothing sizes should be Newborn to Six months only.

We thank our parish community in advance for your generosity!

For more information visit the Diocesan website at: www.dsj.org/social-ministry/our-programs/respect-life-and-human-dignity/layette-program/ or contact Marianne Shallal at mcshallal@gmail.com
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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youth and young adult
6-Week Series: Meet Me at the GATE: Women Mystics and Prophets

Join us on Wednesdays in the Women’s Group for a series on Women Mystics and Prophets. For our 4th session on May 2nd, we will meet Dorothy Day. Meet in the Parish Center at 9 am, right after the 8:15 Mass. For further information, please call Rose at the Faith Formation Office at (408)779-9604 or e-mail at rosepm@dsj.org.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

SHIPWRECKED St. Catherine Vacation Bible Camp

Meet Hope, VBS Day 1 Bible Buddy

Session I: June 18-22, 2018
Session II: June 25-29, 2018

9:00 am - 12:00 noon
For children entering Pre K-5th grade in Fall 2018.

Cost: $60 per child / $40 each additional child

Registration forms are available online at www.stca.org and in the Faith Formation Office.
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In medieval times, one country, Scotland, linked its economy to the liturgy. Four holy days of the church calendar were key to the legal year. On these days, rents were due, clergy and servants were paid, and contracts and leases would begin or end. The term days were Pentecost (called Whitsunday), the Feast of Saint Martin on November 11 (Martinmas), the Feast of the Presentation on February 2 (Candlemas), and August 2 (Lammas), a harvest festival. On Lammas day, the first loaf of bread from the summer wheat harvest was given to the village priest. After the Reformation, which swept the Catholic festivals away, the term days were gradually detached from the old feasts. It was only in 1990 that the term days were anchored on the 28th of February, May, August, and November. Today the old Scottish universities are the last hold-outs, still naming their terms or semesters after the old festivals. Scottish students today may not know about the liturgical year, but they still call the fall term Martinmas, and the spring session Candlemas.

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LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God’s own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: “And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another” (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ’s life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul’s fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord’s Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

ATTENTION NURSES! OBTAIN 8 CEUS FOR YOUR LICENSE - FREE - SELF STUDY

"Nursing with the Hands of Jesus - A Guide to Nurses for Divine Mercy" is a pocket-size manual specifically written for nurses seeking a clear and powerful spiritual guide for the care of the sick, the terminally ill and the dying. For more information, contact:

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BIBLE STUDY

Interested in meeting with a small group for a weekly Bible study? Wednesday nights at 7pm. Contact Joe Lillig at 408-781-3847 or jplilig@gmail.com.

ELECTRONIC UPDATES

If you have an email address and would like to hear all the great things that are happening at your parish, please contact us. We email parishioners whose addresses we have about events for the upcoming week. This way you won’t miss any of our exciting events. If you would like to receive the parish’s upcoming events electronically please email the parish office at office@stca.org with your name and the email address you wish to use.

LIVING BRANCHES

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

SMALL TASKS

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ST. CATHERINE GHANA MISSION PROJECT

SAVE THE DATE- June 30th, Dinner and Silent Auction, O'Donnell Parish Center. Father Paul Mensah comes from Africa to update us on the Awaso School and the progress of the children. The very first children will graduate to high school next year! A St. Catherine Mission Trip is planned for 2019 for this event! Learn more and support the school on June 30th!

Contact Marian.sacco@gmail.com for more info.

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God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!

ST. MARY’S JOB OPENING
Saint Mary Parish Gilroy is looking for a full-time Religious Education Director for the Spanish-speaking. Anyone interested should contact Fr Robert at 408-847-5151 or rbrocato@dsj.org.

NO MORNING MASS
Wed May 16th & Sat June 30th
Mark your calendars! There will be no morning 8:15am mass on May 16th and June 30th.

KNITTING GROUP
Are you a passionate needle crafter and desire to be in community with others at St Catherine’s? Well, bring your knitting, crocheting, quilt or embroidery projects and join us! The group gathers in the nursery room in the Parish Center. Drop in anytime on Monday nights from 6:00-8:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Diane at 408-839-3553 for questions or if you would like to learn to knit or crochet.

BE WHAT YOU SEEK
Even as you seek a virtuous, fair, and good spouse...it is fitting that you should be the same. —St. Bernardine of Siena

GHANA
Awaso is a small village in Ghana, Africa. Attaining a high school diploma and living outside the bonds of poverty is often out of reach for most of the village children who are unable to pass the required entrance exams. The Awaso Academy, founded in 2010 by Father Paul Mensah, is breaking the cycle of poverty and creating a brighter future by providing quality education. A donation of $1.34 per day, $40 per month, covers all their needs - text books, school supplies, uniforms, transportation, breakfast/lunch and a loving staff. Make a difference in a child’s life today! It’s easy! Visit www.awasohope.org and click “SPONSOR A CHILD”. Please call me if you encounter any difficulties. I’m here to help! Thank you for your support! Monica McClintock monica.mc@me.com (408) 218-6007.

Stress in Your Marriage? -- There is less than a week left to signup for Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don’t know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10’s of 1000’s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on May 4-6, 2018 call 831-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org

CHEF WITH A HEART
Seeking a chef with a heart willing to take on preparations for an annual community dinner. For more info: janet95037@gmail.com

Marriage is a journey!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pazazz to your journey. Whether you’ve been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is: May 18-20, 2018 in San Jose. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at: applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “When have you been “pruned” by your experiences in a way that let to greater abundance?”
Child: “When have you felt stronger or better because you did something hard to help another person?”
St. Catherine Golf Classic

WHEN
Friday, May 18th

WHERE
Coyote Creek Golf Club Tournament Course

Early Registration Deadline
May 1, 2018

ww.stca.org, on the Home page

For sponsorship opportunities, email
sgreenwood419@yahoo.com

ST. CATHERINE’S SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

It is time to register again for the St. Catherine’s Summer Sports Camp. Go to the Parish website www.stca.org and use the link to the registration form on the Home page.

Summer sports camps start June 11!

REGISTER NOW ON THE WEBSITE!

CAMPUS NEWS

This section is a weekly update of what’s new on the grounds of St. Catherine’s and mentions the help we receive from our volunteers and vendors.

Cleaning: Before Easter we took the opportunity to clean the carpet, especially the wax buildup. In the Parish Center a group of volunteers helped clean the Kitchen and Conference Rooms, including the stove. Thanks to Ann Marie, Rosalie, Maureen, and Laura for helping. What made it even better is that on Monday, two days later, the County Health Dept. came for inspection and we passed easily.

Middle School Annex: We replaced and added more gutters, which were desperately needed.

Also, did you notice someone’s return to the Church, just before Easter? Hint: Check out the Saints room up front. Would you like to know anything about our facility? Email me at lvillano@dsj.org.

Facility Advisory Committee

Just a reminder, we are starting an advisory committee comprised of people with expertise in: plumbing, electrical, HVAC, roofing, design, etc. I envision a committee dedicated to carefully walk and examine the campus, and meet once every couple of months to make recommendations to maximize the quality of our facilities.

Please go to iVolunteer on the website, or email me at lvillano@dsj.org.
Thank you. Lou Villano
St. Catherine School News

First graders worked with the seventh grade buddies using clay to create animals. Buddy projects allow older students to serve as mentors and role models for younger ones which builds community and support.

BOXTOP NEWS

St. Catherine School saves Boxtops for Education to help fund our Drama Program. You can send in your boxtops with any St. Catherine student or drop them off at the school office.

Are you an online shopper? Log in to http://www.boxtops4education.com/ and shop your favorite stores through the Boxtops’ link. The school earns boxtops for every purchase you make through its website! Thanks for your support!